

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claim 1, amend claims 2-4 and 10-12, and add claim 13.

1. (Canceled).
  2. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 1 13, wherein the entire useful region (3) convexly tapers toward the workpiece end thereof.
  3. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 1 13, wherein cross-sectional surfaces of the cross-section (5) are similar to different cross-sectional locations (I, II, III, IV, V).
  4. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 1 13, wherein the useful region (3) has a number of axial groove equal to  $2n$ , where n is a natural number.
  5. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has four axial grooves (4).
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1. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 5, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle of  $75^\circ$  and  $105^\circ$ .

7. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle of  $90^{\circ}$ .

8. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has eight axial grooves (4).

9. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 8, wherein the eight axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by angle  $30^{\circ}$  and  $55^{\circ}$ .

10. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 4 13, wherein the cross-sectional surface (A') is reduced over 40-60% of the useful region (3), from a power tool end to the workpiece end by from 80% to 70%.

11. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 4 13, wherein the outer diameter (H) of the useful region (3), together with the axial grooves (4) is greater than a diameter (5) of a remaining portion of the stem (1).

12. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 4 13 wherein a cross-sectional surface (A', A'') remains same in transitional region between the useful region (3) of the shank (2).

13. (New). A point chisel for use with a power tool, comprising an elongate stem (1) having, at a power tool side thereof, a shank (2) for securing the chisel in the power tool and, at a workpiece side thereof, a useful region (3)

provided at a workpiece end thereof with a chipping tip and having an outer diameter (H) thereof tapering toward the workpiece end thereof and having a cross-section (5) formed as a concave polygon by a plurality of axial grooves (4) extending up to the chipping tip (3') and radially toward a core diameter (K), whereby the core diameter likewise tapers toward the workpiece end of the useful region (3).